

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:  
Robert James Kelly, et al.

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For: COMPOSITE MATERIALS  
CONTAINING KERATIN

Group Art Unit: 1796

Examiner: Roberto Rabago

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Confirmation No.: 3394

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

**VIA EFS WEB**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to an Official Action of February 2, 2009, the due date for response for which was May 5, 2009. The Commissioner is requested to consider this a request for an extension of time of three months. Authorization to charge the appropriate fee of \$555.00 is filed concurrently. No further fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, or any fees necessary for an extension of time during the prosecution of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/KER020/4-041US/16000.

The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments, beginning on page 2, and consider the remarks beginning on page 5. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.